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## The Daily Press.

Hongkong, August 31st, 1908.

Of late the reading public have been told much about the conquest of the air.

Successes have been recorded with great enthusiasm and it has looked as if we were about to enter on a new era of travel and communication, fraught with great future possibilities. But that era cannot be said to have dawned yet. Many inventors have had their little day and retired defeated; but others have taken up the uncompleted task and continue the endeavour to make the air as navigable as the sea. The subject is a fascinating one. Its possibilities are so apparent and appeal to the imagination with a force and a vividness that will not be frustrated by the disaster incidental to first attempts. Modern writers have in a measure prepared us for wonderful discoveries—discoveries which will perhaps revolutionise our ways of life; and with the gifted JULES VERNE and the brilliant H. G. WELLS to sustain our imaginations by their marvellous creations it is not surprising that the subject attracts so much attention. France and Germany have been the experimental ground of the most recent efforts. The Brazilian SANTOS DUMONT, whose pluck and determination won universal admiration, is no longer in the field. Other inventors have come forward

and are posing for a time, but they have not yet produced the perfect dirigible airship, though undoubtedly they have progressed in that direction. They have effected improvements on preceding types—which have given remarkable results, but there always seems to be something lacking which prevents inventors from claiming that they have solved the difficulties of aerial flight. The accidents to Count ZEPPELIN's airship and others experimenting in Germany have made it evident that there is a good deal to be discovered before these new vehicles of locomotion can be said to be reliable in anything like stormy weather. The Count's invention represented a great advance in aerial navigation. It carried a King and Queen through space, and its success seemed complete. But its triumph was short-lived and the airship came to grief a few weeks ago. More recent telegrams have informed us of the success achieved by WILBUR WRIGHT with his flying machine. This American is working on distinctive lines. He has not sought the dirigible balloon, which was the aim of other inventors, but he is endeavouring to perfect an aeroplane. This introduces us to a new phraseology. Instead of aeronauts and aeronautics, we now speak of aviators and aviation. Details are not yet to hand of this latest invention, but even if they were it is time alone which will show whether the satisfaction created by the flights of the aeroplane is likely to be permanent. Not a few airships have soared aloft and in the preliminary stages have looked quite as promising, but catastrophe was never far off and nothing further was heard of them. The experiences of the past naturally justify a little scepticism, but nevertheless further developments in the conquest of the air will hold the interest of all men.

What does the coming of the airship portend? We are asked to believe that it will revolutionise international relations and be responsible for great changes in our social life. Those of us, however, who are not endowed with the gifts of prophetic imagination will consider it safe to affirm that whatever discoveries are made in aviation, men are not likely to become inhabitants of the air. They will continue to live and move and have their being on the earth where all their physical needs are supplied. Even the inventors of the aeroplane are not sanguine about its revolutionising the transportation of the future. They have declared that their machine, practical as it is, will scarcely displace the railroad or the steamboat, the expenditure of fuel being too great. Its chief value will be for use in warfare. That is why the coming invention has such a fascination for most of us. We rejoice in every fresh conquest achieved by man over nature, but like the noiseless gun recently invented, its coming fills us with apprehension and dismay. It is another terror, another addition to the horrors of war. In the significant words of the inventors "the value of an airship moving faster than a railroad train for reconnoitering or dropping explosives upon an enemy in time of war is now obvious to the entire civilised world." The German Admiralty do not adopt this view of its use. According to their official organ they anticipate that airships will be chiefly used to supplant cruisers for reconnoitering purposes in clear weather, and they also suggest that they will increase the difficulties of blockading. Whatever the precise effect of the new peril, there seems little doubt that the future will be invested with some uncertainty and panic, and we can only hope that until the time comes when war shall have ceased, that we shall have that preparedness for war on land or sea or in the air which is regarded as the best guarantee of peace.

The German Mail of the 29th July was delivered in London on the 28th inst.

Mr. Frederick D. Cloud has been appointed American Consul at Antung, Manchuria.

It is interesting to remember that to-day is the anniversary of the accession of the Sultan of Turkey in 1876.

Troop-Sergeant-Major G. C. Moxon is permitted to resign from the Volunteer Troop on leaving the colony.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Frederick D. Cloud to act as Vice Consul for Japan at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

The list of copyright works which has been publicly exposed at the Court pursuant to section 152 of the Act 39 and 43 Victoria, chapter 36, is published in the current "Gazette."

At the Magistracy on Saturday Mr. Wood imposed a fine of \$10 on a Chinese merchant for infringing the rights of the Postmaster-General of Hongkong by delivering letters within the colony.

"In consequence of the excessive heat prevailing," the Foreign Exchange Banks at Hankow are now open for public business from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. The hours were curtailed at the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce.

A Chinese who a few days ago attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself into the harbour was on Saturday brought before Mr. Kamp at the Magistracy and ordered to be sent to the lunatic asylum.

Receipts into the Treasury between January 1st and June 30th totalled \$9,415,842.60, while payments out amounted to \$9,582,936.88. During this period payments therefore exceeded receipts by \$167,094.28.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 9 of 1908, entitled "An Ordinance to amend The Evidence Ordinance, 1889."

According to the Colonial Treasurer's statement of assets and liabilities, the total assets of the Colony on June 30th were \$4,026,756.93, and the liabilities \$2,598,445.28. The balance on the right side is thus \$1,428,311.65.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending the receipt of His Majesty's Exequatur, Dr. Rosler as Consul for Germany at Hongkong during the absence on leave of Dr. E. A. Vorlesch.

Mr. T. L. Perkins, executive engineer, has been deputed by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council to act on behalf of the Building Authority in all cases referred to in Section 207A of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

The "Gazette" publishes a copy of a declaration between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Paraguay amending the Treaty of Commerce of October 16th, 1884, so as to enable any of the British Colonies and Protectorates to withdraw from the Treaty at any time on giving twelve months' notice.

The Hongkong College of Medicine commences the next session on the 14th prox. Practical anatomy is under the supervision of Dr. C. M. Henley at the Public Mortuary, and clinical medicine and clinical surgery is under the supervision of the Director of Studies. The lectures on public health and medical jurisprudence will be given next session.

News is published in Japan papers of the sudden death of Mr. J. C. Budd, lately Manager of the International Banking Corporation in London. He died on July 31st, a day or two after a stroke from which he did not recover consciousness. Mr. Budd was for several years Manager of the Chartered Bank at Yokohama and was well-known to and highly esteemed by all the older residents.

Attention is called to an advertisement in another column regarding Typhoon insurances. In view of the damage caused by the recent typhoon to buildings and contents of godowns and dwellings, etc., our readers are recommended to consult Mr. W. H. Trenchard Davis, Manager of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, as to the best means of protecting themselves against loss by these unfortunate visitations.

A Mr. E. O. Fowler, a former resident of Shanghai, is returning from Canada with the object of developing a trade in Canadian horses and cattle. The prices paid in China for Australian horses and cattle are described as "enormous," and it is calculated that the shorter sea voyage from Vancouver and the lower cost of the animals from North-West Canada are factors which promise great success for the project, which is stated to have a good backing in China.

Admiral Li Chun, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Navy, arrived in the Colony on Saturday, and during the morning paid a visit to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's works to inspect the two patrol cruisers being constructed for the Canton Government. The Chinese-Admiral was very well pleased with the progress made, thanked Mr. Wilson, the manager of the yard; for the reception accorded him, and congratulated the staff on the good work they were turning out. The two gunboats are expected to be launched towards the end of next month, and then the Dock Company will start on two more for the Chinese Government.

Certain rumours relating to the state of health of Mr. E. B. Skottowe of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, who is at present at home on leave, have been circulated in Shanghai during the last few days, says the N. C. Daily News, and have naturally given much pain to his many friends. We are glad to be able to contradict them entirely. The mistake would appear to have arisen from the fact that when Mr. Skottowe left Shanghai he was suffering from insomnia, and for this, as he found no improvement during the voyage, he put himself in the hands of a specialist on reaching England, under whose treatment the insomnia has largely disappeared. Constant letters both privately and on business matters have been received from Mr. Skottowe since his departure from the Far East; and these are in themselves sufficient proof of the inaccuracy of the advertised report.

## A MANILA FIRE.

The stock of the Agencia Editorial on the ground floor of the Aris building, Calle Caridad, was totally destroyed by fire, on the night of the 26th inst. The loss is estimated at about P30,000, which is partly covered by insurance placed with Smith, Bell and Company and Fernandez Hermanos. The shop gutted is the well-known Spanish bookstore of V. Aris Rodriguez Fernandez, uncle of Senor Ramon Fernandez; for a long time associated in the management of the San Miguel Brewery, and a noted book lover. Senor Fernandez is at present in Spain.

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

## STEAMER FOUNDERS IN A TYPHOON.

Tokyo, August 29th.

A report of a steamer foundering in a typhoon on Wednesday last, near the Goto Islands, in the Korean Channel, west of Kyushu, is confirmed.

The steamer was the "Dunearn," commanded by Captain Graham, and bound for Singapore.

Two British survivors out of a crew of 55 were rescued by a Japanese steamer and landed at Moji. The rest are believed to have perished.

[The "Dunearn" was a steamer of 2,020 tons, belonging to the Dunedin Steamship Co., of Leith. She was built of steel at Sunderland in 1895, and was formerly called "Avery Hill."]

## FINANCIAL RETRENCHMENT IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, August 29th.

The Government has issued a programme of financial retrenchment.

Various public works, estimated to cost two hundred million yen, have been postponed, and a sum of fifty million yen is to be set aside annually for the redemption of the national debt.

The National Railways are placed to a special account.

It is probable that the harbour improvement works at Kobe and Yokohama will also be postponed.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

## MOROCCO.

London, August 27th.

The organ of Prince von Buelow, German Imperial Chancellor, affirms the right of Moroccans to choose their own ruler, and thinks it desirable that Moroccans should be quickly and thoroughly reassured regarding France's policy in Morocco.

London, August 28th.

The French Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin has conferred with Herr von Seilven, German Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the situation in Morocco, and M. Pichon, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, has conferred with the German Chargé d'Affaires on the same subject in Paris.

## THE KING AT MARIENBAD.

London, August 27th.

After lunch at Marienbad His Majesty King Edward conversed privately with his guests, M. Iswolek and M. Clemenceau.

## ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL.

London, August 27th.

The Chamber of the Argentine Republic has voted eleven millions sterling for additions to the fleet and renewal of the field artillery. There has been talk of war between Argentina and Brazil for some time past, and it is suggested that the three "Dreadnaughts" which are being built in England for the latter country have been ordered with a view to a probable contest for the future sovereignty of Uruguay.

## FLOODS IN AMERICA.

London, August 27th.

Serious floods have occurred in Georgia and South Carolina where great damage has been done to the cotton and corn crops.

## ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE.

London, August 27th.

An influential meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce has decided to form a Russian section to strengthen Anglo-Russian trade relations.

## THE PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACT.

London, August 27th.

The Patents and Designs Act comes into operation to-day. Extraordinary activity is being displayed by Germans and Americans in opening works in England in order to prevent the cancellation of patents, and there is every prospect that twenty-five millions sterling will be invested in England for the manufacture of articles previously made abroad.

## VENEZUELA.

London, August 27th.

The Caracas Court has found the French Cable Company guilty of complicity with General Matos in the revolution, and has condemned the Company in five million dollars damages, besides an account to be assessed later.

## TURKEY.

London, August 28th.

Constantinople reports that Mohammed Rehad Effendi, Heir Presumptive to the Ottoman throne, has visited his brother the Sultan for the first time in three years, the meeting being of the most cordial description.

It is regarded as a remarkable sign of the times that princes are going about freely, and are no longer honourable prisoners, but apparently reconciled to the Sultan.

## RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

London, August 28th.

The higher court-martial at St. Petersburg has confirmed the sentences of death by strangulation passed by the Nikolaievsk court-martial on eight Japanese for attacking Russian soldiers and conveying them to prison.

## LOSS OF THE "DUNEARN."

London, August 28th.

Lloyds' agent at Moji wires that two survivors who have arrived on the s.s. "Sakiko Maru," report that the British steamer "Dunearn" bound to Singapore, capsized during a typhoon in the Korean Straits, and that fifty-one lives have been lost.

[FROM THE MANILA "CABLENEWS."]

## MR. TAFT AND CHINA.

Washington, August 25th.

Candidate William H. Taft has caused a flutter of excitement in official and diplomatic circles by statements made to-day in a speech, in which he discussed Oriental conditions in general and declared that the United States should aid in the development of China. The speech has been widely reported, and the return on China has been given a special significance in view of the recent proposal of an alliance between the United States and China. The opposition has seized upon the remarks as an occasion to point a moral and adorn a tale of the dangers of imperialism and entangling alliances, while the friends of the candidate interpret the declaration as throwing a new light upon the eastern situation and pointing the way for American diplomacy.

## MR. BRYAN AND NEBRASKA.

Lincoln, Nebraska, August 25th.

The fight for the control of Nebraska during the present campaign is destined to be one of the sharpest ever waged in the State. The Republicans are confident that they will carry Bryan's home city and the commonwealth at large as they did in 1904. On the other hand the Democrats are preparing to make the strongest canvass ever put up by the party here. The candidate has discussed the issues of the campaign as outlined on the platform in the newspapers, and it is planned by the State Committee to flood the State with the records. These will in a large measure take the place of the local spellbinders and it is believed, prove more effective, as they will bring even the remotest township under the spell of the Bryan voice, which has proved so powerful with the average voter.

## THE AMERICAN TARIFF.

Washington, August 24th.

Mr. Taft has given a definite promise that if he is elected President, he will convene a special session of Congress for the revision of the tariff.

## ELECTION DAY FOR CUBA.

Havana, August 26.

A proclamation has been issued to the people of Cuba calling an election for legislature and national officers to be held in all provinces on November 14. It is announced that the officers and others elected on this date will be inducted into office with appropriate ceremonies on January 28. It is also announced that the inauguration of the new government of Cuba will be the signal for the withdrawal of the United States troops and government officials. Governor Macoon will turn over the reins of government to the new president to be elected. The proclamation is regarded as putting an effectual quietus on the many statements and rumours of a revolutionary character affecting the withdrawal of the United States forces.

## THE HUANGPU CONSERVANCY.

So many rumours have been current in connection with the Huangpu Conservancy, says the N. C. Daily News, that it may be advisable to state briefly what has happened up to date. Towards the end of July Mr. Ku Hung-ming brought to the notice of the Board alleged irregularities of a serious nature in regard to the dredging contract and the expenditure on the Huangpu Conservancy scheme. When these allegations were brought to the notice of Viceroy Tuan Fang, his Excellency nominated a Commission, composed of Mr. H. E. Hobson (Commissioner of Customs), the Shanghai Tsoat, Tsat Kwong of the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works, and Mr. Ku Hung-ming, to make a thorough investigation of the matter. The members of the Commission were unable to agree as to procedure, and they then obtained the consent of the Viceroy to delegate their duties to a Commission formed of Mr. W. A. Carlson (nominated by Mr. Hobson); Mr. J. O. Anderson (the Tsoat's legal adviser, nominated by him); Mr. H. Du Fon Hutcheson (nominated by Mr. Ku Hung-ming's nominee). The articles of reference were drafted and the commissions were ready for signatures, when, at the last moment, a hitch occurred owing, it is believed, to some opposition that there would be objections from the Consular Body. It does not appear, however, that the Consular Body has been consulted on the matter, and under Article XI of the Conservancy Agreement it is doubtful whether it would have the right to intervene, its powers being limited to bringing to the notice of the Shanghai Customs Tsoat and the Commissioner of Customs, any want of diligence, care or economy. Only if no notice is taken of such representations has the matter to be referred to Peking. As a result of this temporary deadlock, Mr. Ku Hung-ming is proceeding to Nanjing to interview the Viceroy. In view of the nature of the allegations that have been made, it would appear to be as much in the interests of fairness to both parties as for the general satisfaction of the community, that an investigation should be conducted by an independent Commission.

## LOCAL SPORT.

### THE GYMKHANA.

The fourth meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club was addressed to take place at Happy Valley on Saturday, but had to be postponed at the last moment owing to continuous rain, which made the course unsafe to ride on. The meeting will be held next Saturday.

### LAWN BOWLS.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK V. POLICE. Three teams of police bowlers were conveyed to the Cosmopolitan Dock on Saturday to try conclusions with three rinks of Dock players, and the visitors were badly beaten all along the line. In the No. 1 rink the Dock players scored 21 to 13 points made by the police; in the No. 2 rink the scores were Docks, 33; Police 11 points; while in rink No. 3 the Dock bowlers registered 27 points against 12 scored by the Police.

### DEATH OF THE REV. ALFRED ILIFF.

The many friends of the Rev. Alfred Iliff will hear with deep regret of his death at the Matilda Hospital, the Peak, yesterday, at the age of 43. The cause of death was enteric fever, complicated by pneumonia. Many readers will remember the Rev. Mr. Iliff as being formerly in charge of the Seamen's Mission in Hongkong. He joined the Church Missionary Society about ten years ago, and had since been on the West River Station. Mr. Iliff leaves a widow and eight children, who are now in England. The funeral will pass the Monument to-day (Monday) at 5.45 p.m.

### THE VOLUNTEERS.

The first period for the training of men in the artillery units as specialists commences to-day and continues for a fortnight. Each company is to provide six to eight layers, four to six range finders, and four to six signallers. At the end of the fortnight officers commanding companies will be required to select six layers, four range finders, and four signallers.

In Orders the hope is expressed that gentlemen who intend to join the Infantry Company will send in their names as soon as possible in order that the selection and appointment of non-commissioned officers may be proceeded with, and arrangements made for carrying out the course of instruction.

Mr. C. Gibbs joined the Corps on 21st August, and Gunner E. Hope is permitted to resign.

### PROPOSED EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER CORPS.

TO SAVE LIFE DURING TYPHOONS.

It is announced in the Government Gazette that it is proposed to raise a Volunteer Emergency Corps for the purpose of saving life on the hard and fronting typhoons. Life boats, ropes, &c., will be provided at convenient intervals along the Quay, and the sea front Kowloon.

As a certain amount of organisation is required to ensure co-operation and secure the best results, it is necessary that intending volunteers shall pledge themselves to obey the orders of the officer in charge of the party, who will be the Assistant Harbour Master, or one of the Harbour Department Boarding Officers, or some other Government Officer deputed by the Harbour Master or by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Any person who is willing to volunteer for the Victoria Corps is requested to communicate his name, private address, and place of business to the Harbour Master in order that he may be allotted a station as near as possible to the place in which he may be expected to be found. Volunteers for the Kowloon Corps are similarly requested to send in their names to the Captain Superintendent of Police.

### KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Board Room, on the 11th August 1908.

Present:—Messrs: W. H. Wallace (Chairman), J. S. Fenwick, Huang Tsan-chow, N. Kruse, S. Okuyama, N. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

Mr. Fenwick took his seat, vice Mr. A. F. Gardiner, resigned.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wallace, Mr. Kruse was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

The appointment of a Land Commission to review all property and rentals in the Settlement, the present assessment expiring on the 31st December next, was discussed.

The Superintendent of Police reported that the following cases had been dealt with at the Mixed Court since the last meeting:—Summons: Debt 2, Assault 4, Illegally removing a wall 1, Kidnapping 1, Throwing rubbish into the public drain 3, Creating a disturbance 1, Illegally selling land 1, Being in possession of smuggled goods 1, Forgery 1, Contempt of Court 1. Summary Arraignment: Theft 8, Assault 1, Being a rogue and a vagabond 1, Smuggling 1, Being abroad after 12 midnight without a light 1, Housebreaking 1, Being in possession of stolen property 2, Committing a nuisance 2.

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## RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Was it not surprising to find so many complaining of the heat during the last few days? Why, Saturday week, according to the Chinese calendar, was the official "stopping of heat," and how any one can have the effrontery to ignore the calendar in such a flagrant manner is hard to understand. No, no my dear friend, the summer is over. Your thirst may be as great as ever it was, and your shirt may still be damp, but the fault must lie somewhere within yourself. Officially, summer is dead, and a self-respecting citizen would question the wisdom which fixed the limit up to which heat was to be experienced.

Swimming, always popular in Hongkong, is receiving more than ordinary attention just now. The latest performance to attract notice is that of the two young men at Kowloon Dock, McBride and Wilson, who swam from the Dock to Quarry Bay in an hour and twenty minutes a few evenings ago, and last Monday did the swim from the Dock to Black Pier in an hour and eight minutes. A correspondent asks if this does not constitute a record. The harbour race in October 1905 was won by Gunter Brotherton in a little under twenty-eight minutes, but the distance from Hung Hom to Black Pier is more than double the course covered by the competitors on the occasion of the harbour swim for the "China Mail" cup, and the time, if correct, must be regarded as extremely good. Indeed it may be questioned if any of the other swimmers in the colony could put up such a fine performance.

Some months ago the Sanitary Board had under consideration a bye-law framed with the object of stopping the beastly practice of excretion, which is so common among Chinese coolies, but I fancy the matter is still in the consideration stage. If I am mistaken I owe pardon at once. I am reminded of the subject not only by the frequent evidence of the need that one daily comes across, especially in the large office buildings, but by the fact that the Minor Offences Ordinance in the Straits Settlements is being amended by the introduction of a section designed to put a stop to the habit of spitting by making it an offence punishable by fine not exceeding \$25. The Bill has been read a first time.

I am glad to notice the truck nuisance has been partially suppressed. The manner in which these cumbersome vehicles with their small army of coolies struggling all over the road obstruct many thoroughfares is too well known to call for comment, but the obstruction was nowhere greater than in Joe House Street. That narrow thoroughfare was fearfully congested during the middle interval for traffic, and when a few trucks blocked part of the road, richas experienced difficulty in getting through while pedestrians risked injury in attempting the passage of the street. This intolerable state of affairs has been made the subject of representation to the police, and now the street may be entered with comparative safety at noon, as a policeman stands at either end to prevent trucks from proceeding in that direction. Compliments to the Captain Superintendent!

Again the power of the press, especially the *Daily Press*, is demonstrated. A few weeks ago a correspondent suggested an organisation of all willing to assist in life-saving during typhoons; and while recognising that I am only a humble unit I gave the suggestion my approval. Now I see the Government have had the subject under consideration, and the result is a notice in the "Gazette" announcing a proposal to form a life-saving corps. So far so good. If Government support meant success then there could be no doubt as to the formation and usefulness of the corps.

But there is another point of view, which was put to me something like this: "Let a meeting of those interested be called. Then arrangements could be made for putting the corps on a proper basis, the voluntary nature of the movement being recognised, and whatever assistance was needed from Government could be doubtless obtained on representation to the proper quarter. But to exact a pledge from the volunteers to obey the orders of any official whom the Government might choose to select is to show a disregard of the voluntary spirit which animates the young men who are enthusiastic over the work."

Suppose now, continued my informant, showing greater heat and employing more vigorous language, there are a dozen of us at a particular station on the Praya and the petty official appointed by the paternal Government to take charge of us directs some of us to do a certain thing. He may or he may not lead the way himself, but what would the fellows say when they saw this official doing the Napoleonic while remaining in a place of safety? Would they not turn round and tell him to do it himself? No Sir! That plan won't work! Recognise the volunteer spirit. Let the corps select its leaders, who can arrange to co-operate with harbour officials or police, but don't let the movement be put under the control of government officials who may be excellent fellows, but they never forget they are part of the government.

Is there a luxury under the sun which has not been asserted by somebody to be a necessity, or at least highly beneficial as a medicine? The *Daily Press* the other day was referring to a theory that opium-smoking came into popular use in China as an antidote to malaria. And did not Mrs. Felling, the Apothecary, tell Mrs. Samuel Peeps that tea was good for her cold and "certainly beneficial to the ladies?" As to wine, that, of course, was taken "for the stomach's sake." Tobacco reached Europe as a medicine. "It cures any grief, dour, impotence or obstruction proceeding of cold or wind, especially in the head or breast," declared one old chronicler. Sailors chewed it as

a safe guard against scurvy. Smoked on a rainy morning in the summer months it would cure "coughs, the falling sickness, and the dropsy." As an ointment it was the deadly enemy of the goat. In the form of snuff it was supposed to vanquish headaches and strengthen the eyesight. As for whiskey-soda—"Here's to your very good health." There is no need to probe into ancient history to establish its claims to be regarded as a medicine.

## JAPANESE ROYALTY TO VISIT FORMOSA.

A CHARGE AGAINST LOCAL OFFICIALS.

A Tainan correspondent writing to the *Japan Chronicle* says:—  
In a month or two we expect Royalty here to celebrate, among other things, the completion of the railway from Keelung to Takow. One would like to see the Japanese people en masse rise to the occasion and give a right royal welcome. They may indeed ultimately do so, but at present, I fear, the authorities are not cultivating willing spirit among them. Rumblings and grumblings of discontent are of course chronic in Formosa. The people regard themselves as downtrodden by aliens; they would cast off the yoke to-morrow if they could. Hence even in the most favourable circumstances it would be difficult to create among the Formosans enthusiasm in the prospect of a visit from an Imperial representative of the Throne.

The people are as a rule poor. They regard life as so many months or years to be spent in the world, having always an insufficient supply of food, clothing, and house room. When the authorities propose to make these conditions of life even harder, and that only in order to provide a more effective five minutes' spectacle for Japanese Imperial visitors, the underground discontented rumblings and grumblings are vented.

In order to make part of the route of the Royal procession in Tainan more effectively picturesque, the shopkeepers and occupants of private dwellings were lately informed that the houses and shops along the route must be taken down and removed about ten feet farther back, so as to allow space for the erection of an ornamental porch in front. About six or seven acres, practically all of these same buildings were taken down to make room for a new broad street, and then rebuilt on sites approved by the renovating authorities. Now the order is to take them all down again, put them ten feet farther back so as to have a covered pavement in front of the shops on either side of the street. The following is the gist of the conversations which have taken place between many householders and those in authority.

Official: Lim S-g. You must take down the front of this shop, put it back ten feet, and then erect a covered pavement in front.

Lim S-g: I cannot do it.

Official: Why?

Lim S-g: Seven years ago I had to demolish, at your command, my house and rebuild it. I am only now beginning to recover from the loss I then incurred. I have no money with which to execute these changes.

Official: You can borrow money and have it done.

Lim S-g: No one will lend me money unless about 20 per cent interest or more.

Official: Well, you must sell the property to some one who is willing to make such changes as we have ordered.

Lim S-g: No one would in the circumstances give me a reasonable price for the property. Besides, I do not wish to sell.

Official: You must by such and such a month and day begin to make this covered pavement as we have ordered, or we will sell your house by auction, use the money to make the changes required, and hand over the balance to you. Officer, bring in the next man!

The above is an almost exact translation of the conversations as reported to me. People who have after such a method to prepare for Royalty are not likely to be "enthused" over the Royal visit. I feel sure, however, that the plan will not be carried through; at least, if middle-class petitions to the magistrates can avail. It will be a thousand pities if the Royal visit is marred in this way.

## H. M. S. "KING ALFRED'S" TARGET PRACTICE.

H.M.S. "King Alfred" carried out her annual heavy gunnery tests at Weihaiwei on August 18. Considerable interest was experienced in the large number of misses fired, but for which it was hoped that the "King Alfred" would have achieved a new record. Even in these adverse circumstances the actual work is extremely good, and will with difficulty be excelled in other divisions of the Fleet. The following are the full scores:—

Gun	Gun-layer	Rounds	Hits
9.2" Aft. Turret.	James C.P.O.	9	7
" Fore "	Middleton P.O.	8	5
6" Gun—			
A.1 Casemate.	Martin, C.P.O.	9	4
A.2 " "	Gass, P.O.	9	6
A.3 " "	Budden, Lead, Seam.	11	7
A.4 " "	Greavett, P.O.	7	7
B.1 " "	Brown, A.B.	7	6
B.2 " "	Pinder, A.B.	8	6
B.3 " "	Hayward, P.O.	9	5
B.4 " "	Osborne, P.O.	9	6
X.3 " "	Warren, A.B.	5	4
X.3 " "	Smith, A.B.	9	6
X.4 " "	Jago, C.P.O.	4	1
X.1 " "	Jeffery Gnr. R.M.A.	10	10
X.2 " "	Lammerton, Sgt.	10	9
X.3 " "	Scutobing, Gnr.	7	4
X.4 " "	Miller, Gnr. R.M.A.	10	3
Total number of Rounds	92	17	12
Average round each	"	8	134
6" gun	8.3	5.8	
C.P.O. Jago with 10 rounds	10 hits	and Gnr. Jeffery and Gnr. Miller each with 10 rounds	9 hits
are the best 6" shots	and C.P.O. James	9 rounds	7 hits
In the Heavy G.L. Test last year the record of the King Alfred was for			
9.2 Guns (2)	179	19	15
" (12)	179	164	96
Average for 6" guns	11	10.25	6

This year the target has been considerably reduced being now but the size of the Ball's eye last year (10 ft. by 8 ft.) so that the King of the ship is highly creditable.

On August 19 H.M.S. "Bedford" carried out her Annual Gun Firing Test and with her 9.2 (12 in No) fired 91 rounds with 65 hits.

Average per gun 7.59 rounds, 5.42 hits.

Hawkins P.O. 1 was best shot with 10 rounds 8 hits.—N.C. Daily News.

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

28th August, 1908.

## PIRACY AND BRIGANDAGE.

Owing to frequent complaints having been made to the Wai-wu-pu by the various Foreign Ministers at Peking regarding the piracy and brigandage committed by the Kwangtung Province, and the repeated requests to increase both the military and naval forces in that Province so as to provide adequate means for the protection of Foreigners and foreign commerce, the Wai-wu-pu has recently issued instructions to Viceroy Chang to devise every possible means to stamp out piracy and brigandage in the Kwangtung Province, and has requested His Excellency to furnish full particulars of the total number of soldiers stationed at each Treaty Port, the names of all the military officials in command of the troops, whether they are capable men, what knowledge they possess of the methods of capturing pirates; and whether these officials are well versed in International Law or not.

The telegram also requests the Viceroy to furnish a list of the number of gunboats that are now stationed on the rivers and the sea coast where commerce is carried on, the types of the different kinds of vessels, their names, and the names of the officers in command of them, &c. The Wai-wu-pu instructs the Viceroy to make minute and thorough investigations into the above matters and requests him to forward a detailed report as soon as possible.

## A BRUTALITY PRACTICE DETECTED.

Mr. D. H. Cameron, the energetic and popular manager of the Standard Oil Company of New York, has recently discovered that some unprincipled Chinese were purchasing empty kerosene oil tins of the "Star" and "Eagle" brands of the company, refilling them with inferior oils, and selling it as genuine oil of the Company. He immediately requested the American Consul to report the matter to the Viceroy, and asked that steps be taken to put a stop to the fraud.

It is reported that His Excellency has instructed the Nam Hoi and Poon Yu Magistrates to make rigid and minute inquiries into the matter, and to arrest and severely punish the offenders, and also to issue a proclamation prohibiting these fraudulent practices.

## CHINESE REFORM ARMY.

The first batch of soldiers of the reformed army have completed their course of three years military training, and will be permitted to return to their native districts in the course of next week to take up whatever employment, trade, or industry that suits them, to earn a living. The Viceroy has given instructions to the Commander-in-chief to send them home under the charge of officers. Yesterday the Chief Military Instructor visited the barracks and distributed passports to the soldiers.

## THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Yesterday a special meeting was held at the Company's head office for the purpose of electing six new directors and four auditors by ballot. There was a very large attendance of officials and shareholders. The Provincial Treasurer and Judge, several Taoist, the Kwong Chan Commodore, and the Nam Hoi and Poon Yu Magistrates were also present at the meeting.

The following persons were elected Directors of the Company:—Messrs. Kwong Shan Man representing 168,916 shares; Fung Lai Po, 168,318 shares; Lau Yu Fong, 151,686 shares; Mak Chung Fui, 120,430 shares; Lai Lok Ting, 116,811 shares; and Lam Hok Kam (Comptroller of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Canton) 115,942 shares.

Auditors elected:—Messrs. Wong Tsan Tong, Kwok Hon Shun, Chun Min Yu and Hui Shiu Shew.

The official followers and the gatekeepers of the Railway Company created a great disturbance during the meeting, and almost came to blows over a paltry sum of two dollars "tea money," which the officials' attendants alleged to have been withheld from them.

It is said that at every meeting the company has to give at least a \$100 bribe, or "tea money," as the Chinese say, to the retinue of the officials. These bribes were prohibited by Kwong Tsat'ai when he was Acting Provincial Judge, but shortly after his departure the corruption started again.

29th August 1908.

## NEW GUNBOATS.

In reply to a despatch received from the Board of War regarding the cost of building and equipping the four shallow-draft gun boats for patrolling the West River, His Excellency Viceroy Chang states that two of these vessels are being built by the Whampoa Dock Company of Canton, and two by the Kwong Hip Loong firm of Hongkong. All four vessels will be equipped with modern guns of the Krupp Arms Factory.

The contract price for each vessel is \$64,700 not including equipment of arms and certain other outfit. The total cost of the four vessels including equipment &c. will be \$260,000, to be paid in three instalments, of which two have already been paid. This amount was drawn from five different departments viz.—The Provincial Treasury, The Salt Commission Bureau, The Bureau of Local Affairs, The Likin Bureau and the Customs Bureau, each contributing a sum of \$64,000 each. The four gunboats are nearing completion and will shortly be delivered to the Admiralty department.

## A SHERBUD OPIUM OFFICIAL.

About two months ago the Chief of Police was authorised by the Viceroy to establish a Public Institution for the treatment of habitual opium smokers; Ex-postant Prefect Cho was appointed Superintendent of the Institution. Mr. Cho at once rented a large house in the City and had it converted for the purpose. The place has accommodation for 60 persons

and is conducted at the expense of the Provincial Government. All persons admitted into the place for treatment will only have to pay for their meals as no charge is made for medical treatment, medicine, opium pills and lodging.

Only a few persons have applied for admission since the opening of the institution. Mr. Cho was rather distressed over this, especially when the generosity of the establishment in giving away opium pills free of charge, is considered, as his position would be jeopardised if nobody patronised the establishment. However, he was determined to solve the difficult problem by hook or by crook, and at last the remarkable idea of giving free "chow chow" struck Mr. Cho, and yesterday he issued the following notification:—

"This notification is issued to inform the public that from and after the 8th day of the 8th moon all licensed opium smokers who are admitted into this establishment for treatment will have all meals supplied to them free of charge. People who are habitual opium smokers and who have not taken out a license for smoking will also be admitted on the above terms upon furnishing a bond to the institution bearing the chop of a substantial shop or firm. As there will be numerous applicants for admission, it is advisable that intending applicants should call at the Institution and register their names so as to secure admission before it is too late."

## OFFICIAL MATTERS.

The local Authorities have received a telegram from Peking stating that their Excellencies Ting Tsan Tok and King Sing, Ministers appointed for the suppression of opium smoking, will shortly visit all Provinces to find out if any of the Viceroys and Governors are addicted to opium smoking.

Yesterday the officials here received cable news from Peking that an Imperial Edict was issued on the 27th instant that the Throne had finally decided to establish a Parliament in China in 1917. The telegram states that the Edict was a very long one, containing over 700 characters.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The R. & O. str. *Devanah* left Singapore for this port on the 28th inst. at 4 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 3rd prox. at about 6 a.m.

The Russian East Asiatic Co. str. *Litvina* left Singapore on the 25th inst. a.m. and may be expected here on or about 4th prox.

## A SUNKEN STEAMER.

The Harbour Master notifies that the master of the s.s. "Choonx Shing" reports a steamer mast showing above the water at Fort Point, Hokan Bay, Italian Straits, apparently not long immersed.

## THE "AMERICA MARU."

The s.s. "America Maru," which arrived in port on Saturday morning, was docked at Kowloon at noon of the same day. The vessel has to undergo a special survey to qualify her for the Government subsidy. Among the passengers by the "America Maru" were twenty Filipino students from American Universities, who were returning to the Philippines.

## SINKING CAUSALITIES IN JAPAN.

The list of shipping casualties, remarks the *Japan Chronicle*, is usually small, this time of the year, owing to the fact that the sea is a rule fairly calm between April and September. This year, however, has proved an exception, as may be judged from the fact that between the 25th of last month and the 9th instant eight steamers, with an aggregate tonnage of 6,827, were stranded or wrecked, the amount covered by insurance aggregating ¥401,000. The points of the steamers coming to grief and the amount of insurance covered on each vessel are as follows:—

Steamers	Amount of Insurance
"Daiichi Kyote"—Stranded	¥40,000
"Daini Fukuyama" ... ..	15,000
"Daisan Seishi" ... ..	80,000
"One" ... ..	72,000
"Ukiyo" ... ..	36,000
"Koshi" ... ..	38,000
"Choko" ... ..	50,000
"Bankoku" ... ..	38,000

## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

## SYNTHETIC CAMPHOR IN JAPAN.

A Japanese paper reports that in view of the high price of camphor in Japan, German merchants are now importing artificial camphor into Japan. The price of imported camphor is said to be 50 per cent. cheaper than that of Formosan camphor.

## JAPAN AND FOREIGN PRICE GOODS.

The *Osaka Asahi* observes that foreign price goods in Osaka, who have been unsuccessful in the summer with a cloth trade, holding about 30 per cent. of last year's stock of winter cloth unsold, have kept down orders for winter cloth this year in order that they may recoup the loss. In some cases orders have been cancelled on account of prices, and the import of winter cloth this year is expected to be not more than one half the quantity imported last year. The market of old stock is low, but in consequence of the small stocker arriving new goods are having a brisk sale and the market in firm. Usually the market declines after the first delivery, but this year the contrary is the case, and the market rules higher with an upward tendency.

## JAPANESE YARN.

In view of the gradual diminution in the exportation of Japanese yarns to China, the domestic cotton spinners, the *Japan Gazette* states, are now proposing to send in a petition to the Government asking for a State subsidy to the rate of ¥ 3 per bale. Until the end of last year the exports to China amounted to 20,000 bales per month, whereas the figures for July last were only 7,500 bales. Such a remarkable diminution is attributed partially to the development of the cotton spinning industry in China, and partially to the adoption of an export encouragement measure by the Bombay spinners, who have made an arrangement with the shipping company concerned for a reduction of freight by ¥ 5 or ¥ 6. The Japanese spinners, therefore, applied to the Nippon Yarn Association for a reduction of freight, but their request could not be entertained. Such being the case, the domestic spinners have now turned to the Government for assistance, and it is proposed by them that a subsidy of ¥ 600,000 is necessary, presuming that the annual exportation will amount to 200,000 bales altogether.

The agreement to suspend the operation of 27.5 per cent. of the spindles in each mill for the purpose of restricting the output is to be carried out at the end of October next. The *Japan Chronicle* understands that Mr. Muto, Managing Director of the Kanagawa Spinning Com-

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ADY, has introduced a proposal to the Spinners' Association to suspend the term and resume the enforcement of five holidays a month. The object of the proposal is to reduce the output of yarn by an additional 10 per cent. after October. It is stated that the council of the Association support the proposal, regarding it as inevitable, should the export of yarn continue as depressed as at present.

The *Osaka Asahi* notes that by the suspension of spindles the monthly output of yarn has been reduced by about 15,000 Japanese bales, which is equivalent to a decrease in the export of yarn of about 112—cannot be regarded as low. The quotation of American raw cotton has declined by over ¥2 lately, and the yarn market threatens to fall below ¥11. Speaking of the position of spinning companies, the *Osaka Asahi* goes on to say that in May and June last, when the market was comparatively low, and in view of the reduction of the output of yarn, large speculative purchases of the result being that the quantity contracted for this month does not represent more than the output of 40 per cent. of the spindles now in operation in the Empire. The Kanagawa is the only company which has contracts for all its output up till the end of next month, and all the other companies are making strenuous efforts to dispose of this month's product, being driven to push forward the disposal of stock by the steady drop in American raw cotton.

## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their weekly share list dated Hongkong 29th August, 1908:—There is no improvement to report in our market, which has ruled very dull for most stocks, only a few of them attracting some little attention. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 93.1-10, while rates on Shanghai are 75 for a Bank 1/1, and 75 1/2 for a three days sight Private Bill, the rate in Shanghai on this for three days sight Private Draft being 74 1/2. Bankers in London is quoted 23 1/2-10, and Consols 23 1/2. The Bank of England rate of discount is 2 1/2 per cent, and the private rate of discount 1 1/2 per cent.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks changed hands at 74 1/2 and 75 1/2, leaving the dividend of 22 per share, at an exchange of 1s. 9d.—\$21.9428 per share, paid on 24th instant, but the market closes quiet at 75 1/2. The London rate is 27 1/2 ex dividend, National Bank continues in request at 35 1/2.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Vulcan sold in small lots at 74 1/2 and 75 1/2, leaving with buyers at the lower rate. North China fetched 75. The 80. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong remain on offer at 33 1/2, while Chinas have buyers at 42 1/2, after small sales at 32 1/2 and 33 1/2.

SHIPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Shares changed owners at 42 1/2. Indo-China have been sold at 35 1/2 (previous and deferred combined). London and Shanghai rates are unchanged. Shell Transporta have buyers at 44, but no shares seem to be on offer; the London rate is 44, 9d. sellers. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged.

REFINERIES.—Unchanged and without sales. MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages, as well as Chinese Engineering and Mining Shares, show no change. Rubber sold at 7 1/2, closing quiet with a few shares offering.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sellers at 39 1/2, leaving dividend of 24 per share paid on 25th instant. Fenwick's, as well as New Amoy Docks, are unchanged. Shanghai Docks have advanced to 75. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves sold and have buyers at 45. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have improved again to 75. 17 1/2.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are steady at 42 1/2 with probable small sales. Shanghai Lands are quoted 117. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without any reported sales.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewas have dropped to 75. 63; other Shanghai Mills are unchanged. Hongkong Cottons are steady at 31 1/2.

SUNBURY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric have been done at 16 1/2. Green Island Cement sold in fair quantities at 10 1/2; an interim dividend of 40 cents per share for the 6 months ended 30th June last, will be payable on 31st instant, on which date dividend warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's office; the transfer books are closed now till 1st proximo. Jees are quoted 33 1/2 ex the interim dividend of 24 per share paid on 24th instant. Ropes have sellers at 24. Other stocks under this heading without transactions and unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Campbell, Moore & Co.'s sold at 41 1/2, and are on offer at 32. China Products sold at 34 1/2. New Peak Tramways have sellers at 32. Land rates are up to 117. 32 1/2. A few South China Morning Post Shares are on the market at 82 1/2. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without sales.

## AN AMERICAN-CHINESE ALLIANCE.

## A CHINESE VIEW.

The *New York Herald* has been urging in very strong terms an alliance between America and China. That such a development of diplomacy would be a strong factor in maintaining a state of peace in the Far East cannot be doubted, and that both in America and in China it has much to recommend it, is obvious.

We are inclined to doubt whether the American public are as yet in a mood to contract such an alliance or to support their Government in such a project. The American is a great stickler over the colour question and has particularly strong racial prejudices. He is, however, a particularly keen business man, and it can be shown that such an alliance will be commercially advantageous to his country, all other

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considerations will very probably be allowed to take second place.

The formation of such an alliance would be in many ways, advantageous to China. Her neighbour Japan is undoubtedly diplomatically strengthened enormously by her alliance with Great Britain. This moral support is of far more importance to her in dealing with other countries than even her reputed military and naval prowess.

Without any belligerent record, China, marching steadily towards reform, would find the moral support of a great country like America of the utmost value. The Foreign Legations would have to adopt a modified attitude towards America's ally and could not dictate unreasonably arbitrary terms at times prone to do to an isolated and vulnerable China.

The immigration question would also be put upon a far more satisfactory basis when negotiated with an ally, than can at this present be approached.

In return for the benefits which might be expected to accrue to her from such an alliance, China would only have to concede trading advantages to America, which would be as beneficial to her people as to those of her ally. She would have a powerful and wealthy assistant to help her forward in the path of reform. By siding China to advance America would shortly develop a friendly state in the Far East which would be a rival to the objectionable supremacy of Japan, which is the only country who can threaten her possessions in the Philippines.















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LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DELHI	Noon, 5th Sept	See Special of Call.
LONDON and ANTWERP	NYANZA	About 9th Sept	Freight and Passage.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO PORT	Capt. H. S. Bradshaw	Sept.	
SAID and MARSEILLES			
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, PERA		About 12th Sept	Freight and Passage.
and YOKOHAMA	Capt. W. W. Cooke, R.N.R.	Sept.	

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AMOI, MANILA, CEBU and LOLOLO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 2nd Sept, 4 P.M.
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HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 2nd Sept, 9 A.M.
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WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO		
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA LAISANG		Tuesday, 1st Sept, 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI VIA NINGPO	"WINGSANG"	Wed. 2nd Sept, Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 4th Sept, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE and MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 8th Sept, Noon.
MANILA	"TOONSANG"	Friday, 11th Sept, 4 P.M.
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FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE:	FOR DUNKERQUE, ANTWERP & HAMBURG:
S.S. SAMBIA ... 16th September	S.S. SPEZIA ... About Mid. of Sept.
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE:	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. SUBVIA ... 25th September	S.S. AMERICA ... 20th Sept.
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE:	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. SENEGAMBIA ... 10th October	S.S. BRASILIA ... 4th Oct.
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE:	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
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NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"KAGA MARU" Capt. G. S. Lapraik, Tons 6301	TUESDAY, 15th Sept, at 4 P.M.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO.	"YAWATA-MARU" Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 3817	FRIDAY, 4th Sept, at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"NIKKO MARU" Capt. T. Harrison, Tons 5559	FRIDAY, 2nd Oct, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE.	"MOYORI MARU" Capt. T. Harrison, Tons 5559	WED. 2nd Sept, at Noon.
	"KAMAKURA-MARU" Capt. T. Handa, Tons 3773	FRIDAY, 4th Sept, at Noon.
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